THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) During the last three years i.e. 1-4-90, no new speed post centres have been opened in Gujarat & Maharashtra as part of the National Speed post Network.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) During 1992-93 there has been a 49.5 per cent increase in Speed post articles in Gujarat & 43.5 per cent in Maharashtra as compared to the previous year. The Department has not authentic information regarding corresponding figures in respect of private courier services.

Telephone facilites in Gram Panchayats of Andhra Pradesh

396. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of gram panchayats with telephone facilities in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of gram panchayats without this facility, district-wise;

(c) whether any concrete proposal has been formulated for providing this facility to all the panchayats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b). As on 25.11.1993, out of a total of 19533 panchayat villages 12111 panchayat villages have telephone facility and the remaining 7422 are without telephone facility. The district-wise detail are given in statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Government have adopted a policy of covering all panchayats with telephone facility progressively subject to availability of resources by 31st March, 1995.

Statement

District-wise details of panchayat villages with and without telephone facility in A.P. as on **25-11-93**

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Total No. of Panchayat Villages.	Panchayat Villages with telephone facility	Panchayat Villages without telephone facility
1.	Adilabad	726	179	547
2.	Anantapur	865	677	188
3.	Chittor	1292	631	661
4.	Cuddapah	741	46	395
5.	East Godavari	936	334	102
6.	Guntur	959	881	73
7.	Karimnagar	1051	548	503

1	2	3	4	5
8.	Khammam	608	511	97
9.	Krishna	933	816	117
10.	Kurnool	821	736	85
11.	Mahboobnagar	1104	638	466
12.	Medak	809	444	365
13.	Nalgonda	1011	542	469
14.	Nellor	942	495	447
15.	Nizamabad	621	328	293
16.	Prakasam	955	535	420
17.	Ranga Reddy	583	462	121
18.	Srikakulam		493	571
19.	Visakhapatnam	929	468	461
20.	Vizian		360	529
21.	Warangal	884	390	494
22.	West Godavari	810	797	13
		19,533	12,111	7,422

Setting up of a tele-communication project under U.N.D.P.

397. **SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up some tele-communication projects under United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP); and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) **Yes, Sir.**

(b) The United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP) Telecom projects are Inter-country and Countrywide projects and are not for a particular State or Region.

An UNDP Project on Developing Quality Assurance in Telecom Equipment & Components has been approved and is being implemented.

Another project entitled 'Human Resource Development' (HRD) in Telecom and Development of Expertise in New and Emerging Telecom Technologies' is under consideration by the UNDP.

New office building of G.M. MTNL Bombay

398. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to construct a New Administrative Building for the office of General Manager (EAST) of M.T.N.L., Bombay at Ghatkopar;